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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application-of:

INDRA PRAKASH

Application No.: 09/859,439

Filed: May 18, 2001

For: SYNTHESIS OF N-[N-(3,
3-DIMETHYLBUTYL)-L-
 α -ASPARTYL]-L-
PHENYLALANINE 1-
METHYL ESTER USING
OXAZOLIDINONE
DERIVATIVES

Examiner: Paul A. Zucker

Group Art Unit: 1621

September 2, 2003

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Amended

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

I. Applicant petitions to extend the time for response to the Office Action

dated May 1, 2003, for one month from August 1, 2003, to September 1, 2003. A check in

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Signature

Date of Signature

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the amount of \$110.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

II. This is in response to the Office Action dated May 1, 2003, the period for reply having been extended by the above petition and payment of the extension fee. Please amend the claims as follows and consider the following remarks.